



CORPORATE SERVICES *Staff Report*

REPORT NO: COR-2024-22

TO: Council

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Clark, Director of Corporate Services / Chief Financial Officer

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REVIEWED BY: Sharon Chambers, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Repeal Policy CA-30 Lottery Licensing Policies

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report COR-2023-035 be received; and further,

THAT Governance Policy CA-30 Lottery Licensing Policies be repealed.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the current lottery license regulatory framework established by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, and to recommend Council repeal Township of Wilmot Policy CA-30 – Lottery Licensing Policies.

BACKGROUND:

In 2002, the Council of the Township of Wilmot adopted Policy CA-30, establishing lottery licensing policies pursuant to the Gaming Control Act of Ontario.

Specifically, the Policy regulates:

- Raffles – prize values up to \$10,000
- Raffles – prize values from \$10,001 up to \$49,999.99
- Raffles – 50/50 draws

- Break Open Tickets – Direct Sales
- Break Open Tickets – Third Party Locations
- Regular and Specific Bingo Lotteries
- Media Bingo Lotteries

Since the adoption of Governance Policy CA-30 in 2002, there have been several updates to the regulatory framework for licensed lottery events held in Ontario. Most significantly, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has prepared for municipalities a Lottery Licensing Policy Manual (LLPM) which contains the policies and procedures that municipal and provincial officials must follow to issue and administer charitable gaming licences in Ontario. These policies reflect the mandate of the AGCO to regulate charitable lotteries to ensure they are conducted with honesty and integrity, and in the public interest.

REPORT:

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and the Lottery Licensing Policy Manual (LLPM)

The AGCO is responsible for regulating and overseeing licensed lottery events (such as bingo, raffles and the sale of break open tickets) conducted by eligible charitable and religious organizations to raise funds to support charitable purposes.

As part of the AGCO's regulatory responsibilities in the charitable sector, the AGCO administers, in partnership with municipalities, the regulatory framework governing the issuance of charitable lottery licences.

The AGCO and municipalities work together to ensure that the legal requirements, including terms and conditions of the licences, are complied with by lottery licensees and any gaming suppliers used by the charities. The Registrar also issues "terms and conditions" for lottery licences, which provide detailed information on the conduct and management of licensed lottery events, and which may be supplemented by municipalities.

The [Lottery Licensing Policy Manual](#) (LLPM) has been designed to ensure lottery licences are issued and administered on a consistent basis throughout the province. The AGCO also uses the LLPM to communicate changes in the Registrar's policies and in the regulatory structures for lottery licensing. The policies outlined in the LLPM apply to raffles, break open ticket sales, charity bingo and one-time special occasion gaming events and bazaars run by these organizations.

Repeal of Township of Wilmot Policy CA-30 – Lottery Licensing Policies

Given the AGCO has produced the LLPM as a key instrument in the governance of the issuance of Lottery Licenses in Ontario, it's redundant for the Township to have its own set of policies governing lottery licenses. Likewise, by repealing Policy CA-30, the Township will ensure that its practices related to the issuance of lottery licenses are consistent with Ontario municipal best practices and in conformity with the regulatory framework provided by the AGCO.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommendation of this report aligns with the good governance strategic goal.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no financial impacts related to the recommendation contained within this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Township of Wilmot Policy CA-30 – Lottery Licensing Policies